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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

Leadership Circle News

Sarah and Josh will be meeting on Friday mornings. Here's the latest news.

This Sunday April 3rd at 10 AM will be a very special service. We will be having a BLESSING CEREMONY FOR MIRELA who is now seven years old. She is the daughter of Josh Wachtel and Kim Wachtel, members of the church, both of whom will share a song for her.

Welcoming a young person into the wider circle is ancient and important. Blessings will take place with roses. There will be a chance for anyone present also to make a wish for her. A wonderful part of being in a community is that when one person is honored, the blessing extends to the whole circle.

The service will begin in a traditional way with lighting the chalice, singing "Surely Your Presence," a hymn, and time for Joys and Concerns. Then calling in the four directions will help us intensify the entry into sacred space to bless Mirela.

Please join afterwards for light refreshments.

We also want to give you an update on Kathy Harrison's health. She is home surrounded by family care, and she is able to walk. You can sign up on the Meal Train website if you'd like to offer food or have food to be delivered to her: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/e1wd8o>

The Easter service on the third Sunday will expand beyond the traditional and advance feedback on what you'd enjoy is welcome.

We've started formulating what the new website will be like. Thanks to John Maruskin for his many years of service as web master. Lyle and Josh will now take the reigns and begin moving the site to a new, easier to use wordpress platform. We picture this as a two month process aiming for the end of May to complete.

"Coming to the Well" continues bi-monthly Thursdays and is both very strong and nourishing and open to new people to join.

Quaker Meeting

There will be a Hilltown Quaker Meeting (in the manner of Friends) on Sunday 24 April (the fourth Sunday of the month) at The Village Church. If the weather is bad, we will meet inside in the vestry with two air purifiers on. Since the virus that causes COVID-19 is still evolving, to quote the West Cummington Church, "...we hope you will be vaccinated for your safety and everyone else's. We do require that you wear a mask indoors, out of respect for the legitimate concerns of others..." We will meet in a circle as usual a safe distance apart. N-95 masks, which offer the best protection, will be available for free.

On the other hand, if the weather is warm and decent, we will meet outside with masks optional. Please bring your own chairs and blankets.

Pray for Peace and with Hope and Love.

Tim Walter

Home: 413-634-8098

Farmer's Market

After three incredible seasons operating a pop-up farmer's market-on-wheels, we have made the decision to move to an online marketplace of Hilltown farms!

Pre-order exactly what you want from over 15 amazing hilltown producers

Choose a pick-up location at a retail store or community hub near you

Enjoy a much bigger selection of produce, meat, dairy, eggs, and more!

Order as much as you want, as frequently as you like

The year, our little veggie van will be able to visit more locations and serve more towns, allowing more Hilltowners to join the market and eat more amazing Hilltown-grown food!

Our season begins on JULY 16th! Order online Sat-Tues for Thursday or Friday delivery to a location near you!

<https://www.hilltownmobilemarket.info>

Farm shares are now available and will work as a spend down balance on your online account! Load up now for great deals throughout the season, plus free tickets to our end-of-season farm dinner celebration! SNAP/HIP shares are available too! See all our new farm share options

<https://www.hilltownmobilemarket.info/#farmshares-1>

New delivery locations! We have 13 convenient locations in 10 towns so far where you can pickup your order in a larger time window that works for you! No more lines, or running out of popular products. Check out the full list <https://www.hilltownmobilemarket.info/#locations>

We have meat, dairy and eggs this year! After many requests from customers, you will now be able to purchase fresh eggs, dairy products, and frozen meat from our hilltown producers. Learn more about our producers <https://hilltownmobilemarket.local-foodmarketplace.com/pro>

Looking forward to a great season of fresh, hilltown-grown food! Stay tuned for all the best the hilltowns have to offer #veg-etables #localfood #hilltowns #hilltowngrown #farmland #hip #snap #lovetogrow #lovetoeat #farmersmarket #goveggievan

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 413 320-6544. The church charges a very nominal fee for upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

Cummington Historical Commission Kingman Tavern Historical Museum

William W. Streeter History Award

To all graduating High School seniors residing in Cummington:

This is your invitation to apply for the \$2,000 **William W. Streeter History Award** sponsored by the Cummington Historical Commission. Your acceptance to any accredited two or four-year college or university makes you eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted prior to May 15, 2022 and must include:

- At least a five-page double spaced essay, or recorded interview, or multimedia presentation about any aspect of Cummington history (i.e., people, places, events, organizations, families, etc.).
- Official transcript of your scholastic record.
- Two letters of reference, one of which must be from a person not associated with your school.

Applicants will be judged on these and the accuracy of information presented. The Cummington Historical Commission files are available by appointment to assist with your research.

Shortly after May 15, the members of the Cummington Historical Commission will meet and evaluate all applications. Winners will be personally notified and schools will receive an announcement that can be included in the awards assemblies. Actual payment of the award will be made to the student after successful completion of the first semester of college.

Winners are requested to volunteer three hours at the Kingman Tavern Museum on one Saturday of their choice during July and August.

Fully completed applications must be submitted by mail or to any member of the Cummington Historical Commission prior to May 15, 2022.

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If you have questions or would like research assistance, please contact Karen Westergaard at 18kjwestergaard@gmail.com, or Carla Ness at carla@delaprealestate.com or 413.695.6569.